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Sio Kuan Lam :
Application No. 10/755,383 :
Filed: January 13, 2004 :
For: APPARATUS FOR IMPROVED FIBER OPTIC :
COUPLING EFFICIENCY

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1. Transmittal; and
2. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney forms signed by each inventor.

No fees are believed to be due for this submission. However, if any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-5127 referencing 20229.0009.

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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- The attached 35 U.S.C. § 119 claim for priority for the application(s) listed below forms a part of this declaration.

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US/PCT Application Serial No.	Filing Date,	Status (patented, pending, abandoned)/ U.S. application no. assigned (For PCT)
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- In this continuation-in-part application, insofar as the subject matter of any of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the above listed prior United States or PCT international application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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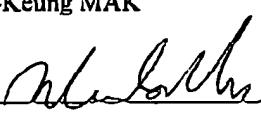
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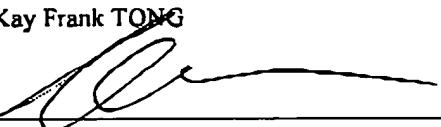
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